

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMEMBERING JARED LLOYD

HON. MONDAIRE JONES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, March 23 marks 1 year since the tragic passing of my constituent, Jared Lloyd, whose memory I wish to honor today.

Mr. Lloyd was a volunteer firefighter with the Spring Valley Volunteer Fire Department in the village of Spring Valley, New York, where I grew up. On March 23 of last year, Jared Lloyd died a hero. He sacrificed his life to rescue residents of Evergreen Court Home for Adults from a horrific fire.

Jared's colleagues have said that he saved as many as 30 lives that day. I know that I speak on behalf of the people of Rockland County when I say that I cannot express how incredibly proud I am of him for his bravery and his selflessness, and how sad I am over his loss.

Jared Lloyd was 35 years old. He was a son, a companion, and a loving father of two wonderful children, Logan and Darius. Jared was a schoolmate of mine. He was a graduate of Spring Valley High School. He had so much life left to live. He will never be forgotten. Today, he is remembered in the House of Representatives for his heroic actions.

MASON LARUSSO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Mason LaRusso for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Mason LaRusso is a 12th grader at Washington Square and Legacy High School and received this award because their determination and hard work have allowed them to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Mason LaRusso is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Mason LaRusso for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt they will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of their future accomplishments.

HONORING ROBERT DARDANO

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I want to pay tribute to one of Monroe County's finest residents, Mr. Robert Dardano, Sr., who died at the age of 93 in February of this year.

Mr. Dardano was well-known in the Rochester community for his life-long commitment to working on behalf of our nation's veterans. He was a veteran himself, having served our country in the U.S. Navy Seabees as well as the 58th CB Battalion in Okinawa, Japan during WWII. He also served as a Naval reservist during the Korean War.

At the conclusion of his active service, he devoted himself to serving the veterans of his community at the local, state, and national levels as a member of a plethora of veterans organizations including the Italian-American War Veterans, the Veterans Memorial, and Executive Council for the City of Rochester, the Veterans Advisory Committee of Monroe County, and among many others.

Mr. Dardano also organized the annual placement of American flags on the graves of veterans in cemeteries throughout our community, and he logged over 6,250 hours of community service at events for the local Canandaigua VA Medical Center. He and his wife Virginia also donated much of his paperwork and photographs from his service with veterans' organizations to the University of Rochester.

I extend my deepest condolences to the Dardano family during this time. We here in Monroe County will never forget Robert's selflessness and compassion, and I hope we as a community can do well to continue Robert's devotion to selflessness and helping others.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SUPPORTING DIVERSE STEM STUDENTS ACT

HON. ALMA S. ADAMS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Ms. ADAMS. Madam Speaker, today, I am proudly introducing the bipartisan Supporting Diverse STEM Students Act, along with my colleagues, Representatives FITZPATRICK, SEWELL, and TURNER.

I am especially proud to do so during my 5th Annual HBCU STEAM Days of Action, a time where hundreds of participants from HBCUs, advocacy organizations, technology companies, and industry leaders meet with Republican and Democratic Members of Congress. They're here to advocate for equitable federal resources to make sure that every talented student has access to world class science, technology, engineering, arts, and math education.

We know that a well-prepared workforce—inclusive of America's diverse communities—is necessary for cultivating our United States' Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, or STEM, capacity.

However, underrepresented minority students are disproportionately left behind in their STEM studies. Researchers find over a third of Black and Latino students switch out of their STEM majors before earning their degree, in part due to a lack of access to the academic resources that traditionally help support students to completion.

This bill focuses on supporting those diverse STEM students into career success by supporting institutions that predominantly serve minority students in their capacity to provide direct scholarships and comprehensive wrap-around services, such as academic advising and tutoring, work-study, and undergraduate research opportunities.

As the United States continues to support the cultivation of our STEM talent, we must help better provide the resources that help retain, prepare, and promote the success of underrepresented and diverse students in STEM.

CARE IS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 5547, the Care is an Economic Development Strategy Act or the CEDS Act, which requires grant applicants for certain public works and economic development projects to describe how they will increase the accessibility of affordable, quality, care-based services.

These services include childcare, early childhood education, disability and long-term care, and elder care.

This legislation increases the accessibility of affordable, quality, care-based services, and will expand quality childcare and support the dire needs of single parent homes.

The CEDS Act will amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, which provides grants for public works and development facilities, and the planning and coordination needed to alleviate conditions of substantial and persistent unemployment and underemployment in economically distressed areas and regions.

By amending this law, this bill would require recipients of certain grants to develop a comprehensive economic development strategy that directly or indirectly increases the accessibility of affordable, quality care-based services, and for other purposes.

The economic development strategy will ensure that all funds are being dispersed to programs that need them and will utilize the funding to provide quality care-based services.

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